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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1.(amended) A cross-connect method for performing a cross-connect operation on a main signal including a working channel signal transmitted over a working path and a protection channel signal transmitted over a protection path, said method comprising the steps of:
retaining line setting information required for the cross-connect operation;

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